

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-11 are pending in the present application. Claims 3 and 4 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, Claims 5 and 6 are amended, and Claims 7-11 are added by the present amendment. New Claims 7-11 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure including the original specification and the original drawings, for example. No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Ronald (U.S. Patent 5,880,867); Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ronald; and Claims 5 and 6 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Initially, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate whether the drawings filed February 12, 2001 are accepted or objected to. In addition, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge the claim to priority and the receipt of the priority documents. Copies of the Official Filing Receipt, and of the date-stamped filing receipt indicating its filing, are provided with the present response.

Further, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 5 and 6 include allowable subject matter. In light of that indication, Claims 5 and 6 are rewritten in independent form.

The rejection of Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Ronald, and the rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ronald are rendered moot in view of cancellation of Claims 3 and 4.

Finally, Applicant submits herein new independent Claims 7-11. Applicant respectfully submits that Ronald does not teach or suggest features recited in Claims 7-9.

Figure 4 illustrates a non-limiting embodiment of Claim 7, wherein a first repeater R1 is mounted to a dashboard of a vehicle compartment, a second repeater R2 is mounted to a back of a seat in a first seat row, and a third repeater R3 is mounted to a back of a seat in a second seat row. Figure 5 illustrates a non-limiting embodiment of Claim 8, wherein a first repeater R1 is mounted to a dashboard of a vehicle compartment, a second repeater R2 is mounted to a ceiling of the vehicle compartment between a first seat row and a second seat row, and a third repeater R3 is mounted to the ceiling between the second seat row and a third seat row. Figure 6 illustrates a non-limiting embodiment of Claim 9, wherein a first repeater R1 is mounted to a front pillar of a vehicle compartment, a second repeater R2 is mounted to a drip line of the vehicle compartment at a position between a first seat row and a second seat row, and a third repeater R3 is mounted to the drip line at a position between the second seat row and a third seat row. Applicant respectfully submits that Ronald fails to teach or suggest such mounting of first, second, and third repeaters in a vehicle compartment as recited in Claims 7-9, and therefore Claims 7-9 are believed to be allowable over Ronald.

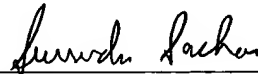
Further, Claims 10 and 11 include subject matter similar to those of Claims 5 and 6 indicated as allowable in the Office Action dated November 19, 2004.¹ Therefore, Claims 10 and 11 are also believed to be allowable over Ronald.

¹ See also page 2, paragraph 3, of the Office Action of November 19, 2004.

Consequently, in light of the prior indication of allowable subject matter, the above discussion, and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 5-11 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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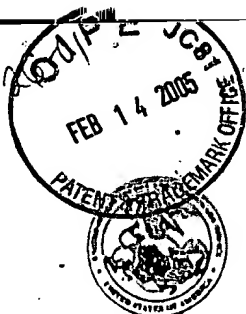
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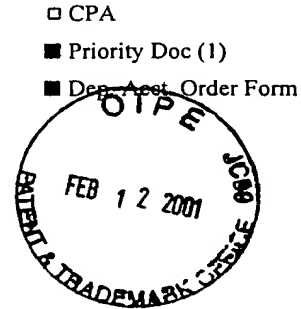
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